

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on January 30, 2007 at 3:45 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 302, 1/24/2007; SB 303,
1/24/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:01:33

HEARING ON SB 302

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:13 **SEN. GREGORY BARKUS (R), SD 4**, opened the hearing on **SB 302**, Remove daytime speed limit restriction on Highway 93.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:05:10 Mike Barrett, Self

Informational Testimony:

00:11:02 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:35 Sen. Jesse Laslovich to Director Lynch, MDOT

00:12:37 Sen. Frank Smith to Director Lynch, MDOT

00:14:12 Sen. Jerry Black to Sen. Barkus

00:14:44 Sen. Gerald Pease to Director Lynch, MDOT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:40 Sen. Barkus

HEARING ON SB 303

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:23 **SEN. GREGORY BARKUS (R), SD 4**, opened the hearing on **SB 303**, Require display of proof of motor vehicle liability insurance.

EXHIBIT(his20a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:22 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association
of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(his20a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:50 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:34:52 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Companies

00:38:19 Frank Cote, Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company

00:39:59 Greg Van Horssen for Jacquelyn Lenmark, American
Insurance Association and Larry Kibbee, PCIAA

Informational Testimony:

00:40:32 Brenda Nordland, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:25 Sen. Roy Brown to Ms. Nordland, DOJ

00:43:32 Sen. Cocchiarella to Mr. Van Horssen, State Farm
Insurance Company

00:44:26 Sen. Don Steinbeisser to Mr. Van Horssen, State Farm
Insurance Company

00:45:49 Sen. Black to Mr. Van Horssen, State Farm
Insurance Company

00:47:07 Sen. Laslovich to Mr. Van Horssen, State Farm
Insurance Company

00:50:44 Sen. Laslovich to Sen. Barkus

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:19 Sen. Barkus

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:37 P.M.

SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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